

## **Minutes Maple Grove Dog Park Owners Association Meeting-Oct 6, 2015**

Meeting called to order 7:15 PM at 46 Malmsbury Drive

**In Attendance:** Colin Lang, Cathy Guttek, Heather Hartry, Cathy Kelly, Bev Shafirka, Don Lowrie, Suz Wiens and Roslyn Jones- Smith (visitor). Welcome to new Board Member Don Lowrie. No regrets rec'd.

### **Minutes of the September 1, 2015 Meeting**

-Minutes of the last meeting were distributed and read. Don Lowrie moved that minutes be approved, Bev Shafirka seconded, motion carried. No business arising from minutes.

### **Fall BBQ Debrief & Review**

-Generally all felt BBQ went well. The wonderful weather really helped the event and the turnout.

-We lost the smaller canopy due to wind damage. Generally felt we should consider getting another one like we bought with Kilcona Park Group. It is bigger and sturdier. Colin will look into this.

-we were short of tables, need one or two more for next time.

-We needed to start set up earlier as it became rather rushed.

-We should communicate with other Off Leash Parks so we aren't all using the same weekend for events. Also consider helping each other out.

-For next time we should try and get some other groups out (Black Dog Group, Vet to do ID chips, Agility Group etc.)

-Consider buying more root beer and orange for next time as it seemed popular.

-Hoffman's gave us a deal on the hot dogs and Sobeys' gave us all the buns for free.

-All of the sponsors and volunteers have been thanked on the web site. Thanks Bev.

-Generally agreed we should also send out thank you cards. Heather will do this.

-We re-drew the Beauty Basket prize from the BBQ as the person who won did not put their name on the card. New winner is Ron\_\_\_\_\_.

### **Finance Report**

-As of July 29 we have \$5,746 in our account.

-BBQ was successful financially. Profit was \$1434.92. Expenses were low due to left overs from spring event and donations.

-There was a \$100 anonymous donation at the BBQ

-There were 62 new memberships at the BBQ and approximately 30 renewals.

### **Annual General Meeting November 2015**

-Generally felt that Tuesday November 17 would be a good date.

-Colin will see if the Louis Riel Library is available on that date and book it if it is.

-Note we need 7 members or 5% of the membership for a quorum.

### **Bylaws**

-Discussion of changes needed to current bylaws. Need to post on line or send out 21 days prior to the AGM.

-Need to delete # 21 that says the Board needs to hold a special meeting or AGM to spend over \$500.

-Proposal to raise the amount the Board is allowed to spend without a meeting to \$1,000. Motioned by Cathy Guttek and seconded by Heather Hartry. Motion carried.

-Bylaws should also stipulate that if you buy a membership before September 1 of a particular year it is good until the end of November of the same year.

### **Other Business**

-Sadly Frank M has resigned as co-chair of the MGDPOA Board. Colin moved that we accept Frank's resignation, seconded by Bev. Motion carried.

-Colin moved that Cathy Guttek become the alternate to Colin for WINDOG meetings. Seconded by Bev. Motion carried.

-Bev suggested that we need to outline roles that are available on the Board besides the usual co-chairs, secretary & treasurer. We can have up to 8 members at large. Other roles could include communications, volunteers, membership and events coordination. This should be discussed at the AGM in November.

-Need to encourage more members to join as we seemed to have lost some members.

-Don volunteered to look after the membership and bring the list up to date.

-General discussion about what can be changed. Policy is what has to be and procedures can be changed. Procedures could include other roles available.

-Suggestion made that we should be scanning membership forms.

-Need to have a cigarette butt stop at the park and more bag dispensers.

-Possibly look into volunteer T-shirts for events so people know who the Board Members are.

-Colin mention that a new "Pet etiquette" brochure will be coming out soon and we have to chip in on the printing.

### **Adjournment**

Don L motioned that meeting be adjourned, seconded by Suz W. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:26.

Respectfully submitted: Heather Hartry